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ORAL EXAMINATION UPDATE

Senate Bill 363 was recently passed, which gave the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) the option to give a written examination and/or an oral examination. It also gave the Board the authority to give a second written examination. At its November 2003 meeting, the Board voted to replace the current Oral examination with a Written Clinical Vignette examination.

Candidates will be qualified to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination after passing the (current) Standard Written examination. This affects candidates for both Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) and Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs). The Board expects to implement the Written Clinical Vignette examination in the spring of 2004. More information for candidates in the licensing process is provided in the article *"Written Clinical Vignette Examination Information for Candidates"* on page 6.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Board, its applicants, and licensees. Change can sometimes create anticipation and apprehension, but there is much to be gained by developing a sound and less subjective way of testing. The purpose of licensing examinations are to ensure public safety by licensing only those applicants who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and ability to independently provide safe and effective services to the public. With this change, it is now possible to move toward new technologies and more progressive testing instruments. California has always led the professions in testing, and with this opportunity it will continue to lead the way.

The Board's examinations are developed and evaluated by licensees who work under the guidance of the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Examination Resources (OER). All of the Board's examinations are based on the results of an occupational analysis, which ensure the examinations are based on job-critical knowledge and skills. The clinical vignettes MFT and LCSW candidates will receive consist of a vignette and a series of questions related to the vignette. The possible answers are longer and more complex than a standard multiple-choice item, and list a sequence of actions or describe a process of applying knowledge. The clinical vignettes have been pre-tested and are performing well statistically. For a sample clinical vignette, go to the Board's website pages at www.bbs.ca.gov/MFC-EXAM.htm or www.bbs.ca.gov/LCS-EXM.htm.

Research has shown that traditional multiple-choice questions can measure higher-order cognitive processing. Research has also shown that simulation or vignette-style multiple-choice questions can measure complex, high-level cognitive skills. The Oral examination was limited in its assessment in that it presented test takers with only one vignette. The Written Clinical Vignette examination allows the Board to test candidates with multiple vignettes.

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Check out the Board's
website at
www.bbs.ca.gov
under "Forms and
Publications."

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Legislation Update

The following legislation became effective January 1, 2004:

Senate Bill 362 (Figueroa) - This legislation increases administrative fine limits from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Senate Bill 363 (Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee) – This legislation broadens the Board’s authority to administer a written examination, or an oral examination, or both.

Assembly Bill 116 (Nakano) - This legislation indicates that the provisions of law regulating telemedicine apply to the practice of a Marriage and Family Therapist and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and references the sections of law that pertain to telemedicine.

Assembly Bill 938 (Yee)- This legislation requires the Board to charge an additional \$10.00 fee for Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Social Worker license renewals in order to assist in funding the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Fund. This fund will provide grants to licensed mental health professionals who provide direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area as defined.

Senate Bill 1077 (Business and Professions Committee) - This legislation makes several amendments to the sections of law that relate to Marriage and Family Therapy and Licensed Clinical Social Work to allow an Intern to apply hours of experience gained under separate registrations toward the requirements for licensure, specify the number of continuing education hours required for reactivation from inactive to active status within a renewal period, delete the specific settings in which Trainees, Interns, and Associate Clinical Social Workers may gain experience and further elaborate on the type of experience to be gained, clarify work setting responsibilities, allow associates to gain additional hours of experience under a licensed mental health professional acceptable to the Board, specify a required amount of

supervision that associates must gain under a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, restructure the experience sections of law, and specify that the spousal and partner abuse continuing education requirement shall be a seven hour course for those renewing their license on and after January 1, 2005.

The following legislation is pending:

Assembly Bill 445 (Vargas) – This bill would enact title protection for use of the designation “social worker” with certain exemptions.



Assembly Bill 746 (Matthews) - This bill would require specified Boards to revoke a license if the licensee has more than one conviction for any felony or misdemeanor involving fraud committed in his or her capacity as a provider of services under the Medi-Cal program.

Assembly Bill 940 (Yee) – This bill would require Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Social Workers to complete a continuing education course approved by the Board in post-traumatic stress disorder in order to renew his or her license.

Assembly Bill 1100 (Longville) – This bill would enact the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensing Law and would require the Board to regulate, register, and license alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

For further information regarding the status of pending legislation see the California Legislative Information website at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

Senate Bill 250 (Battin) – This bill would specify that a mandated reporter who fails to report a known or reasonably suspected instance of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor or who actively discourages others from reporting the violation would be punishable by a jail term and/or a fine up to \$2000.00.

Senate Bill 598 (Machado) - This bill would prohibit a provider of health care, health care service plan, or contractor from using or disclosing psychotherapy notes, as defined, without authorization, unless used for specified purposes and would indicate that violation of these provisions would be punishable as a misdemeanor.

Senate Bill 816 (Perata) – This bill would revise the Licensed Clinical Social Worker scope of practice to include the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, conditions, and addictions.

The following legislation was vetoed by the Governor on September 22, 2003:

Assembly Bill 183 (Nation) – This bill would have included Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Social Worker services within the scope of Medi-Cal covered benefits, to the extent that federal matching funds are available for those services.

Regulation Update

Alcoholism and Other Chemical Substance Dependency Training: This proposal will amend Section 1810, Division 18 of Title 16, to expand the acceptable entities that can offer the required training to out of state Marriage and Family Therapist applicants and Licensed Clinical Social Worker applicants. In addition, this proposal will reformat the regulation language and amend the regulation section title to accurately reflect all components of the required training.

BBS Strategic Plan

One of the Board's most important working documents is its Strategic Plan. The Board reviews and updates the strategic plan yearly in an effort to examine progress made in all organizational areas. In developing the strategic plan, internal and external environmental assessments are utilized. To advance the planning process, Board members and staff participate in work sessions.

All goals support the mission and vision of the Board. Objectives are established for each goal in an effort to identify progress and indicate those factors the Board wishes to maintain, refine, or complete in the upcoming year. Each goal has an oversight committee who works closely with those objectives. Throughout the year committee agenda items will include discussion topics that pertain to the goal or objective from the Strategic Plan. Goals are numbered for reference only. Each goal has equal priority within the organization.

A copy of the Strategic Plan in its entirety can be found on the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/splan.pdf.

GOAL I

Ensure the applicants for licensure meet the requirements prescribed by law and regulation and streamline the application process.
(Licensing Committee)

GOAL II

Strengthen the examination process.
(Examination Committee)

GOAL III

Increase consumer services and consumer protection by promoting and maintaining competence and ethical behavior by the professions.
(Consumer Services / Consumer Protection Committee)

GOAL IV

Ensure that schools and students are in compliance with the laws and regulations and amend laws and regulations as necessary.
(Education Committee)

The Mission of the Board is to protect the consumer by establishing and maintaining standards for competent and ethical behavior by the professionals under its jurisdiction.



Board Meeting Calendar

February 19-20, 2004
(Sacramento)

May 20-21, 2004
(San Diego)

September 9-10, 2004
(Los Angeles area)

November 11-12, 2004
(Bay Area)

Attendance at Board meetings is encouraged and welcomed! Meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and locations are tentative and subject to change. Check our website at www.bbs.ca.gov for any date changes. Board and Committee Minutes are also available on our website.

New BBS Board Member

Victor Law was appointed by the Assembly as a public member in November 2003. Mr. Law is a Pharmacist in the Los Angeles area. Licensed as a Pharmacist since 1977, Mr. Law obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma in 1976. Most recently he has been on the Board of Director's for the United Pharmacists, Inc., President of the California Pharmacists Association and Chairman of the Monterey Park Community Relations Commission.

Oral Examination Update

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It remains clear that the current oral examinations were good measures, but it is also clear that it was time to develop another instrument that could measure minimum competency for licensure. The Board began to pursue other options to an oral examination after it was the target of legislation in 1998 (SB 288), which would have eliminated the Oral examination for LCSWs.

In January 2002, the Board held a public hearing to solicit comments regarding the oral examinations. In April 2002, the Board received a presentation from OER regarding the use of clinical vignettes, and discussed the oral examinations as a condition for licensure. The Board decided to include clinical vignettes on the LCSW and MFT examinations.

In November 2003, key information was presented by OER which assisted the Board in making the decision to replace the oral examinations. Performance data showed that the clinical vignettes are performing very well. Additional data demonstrated the efficacy of the current Standard Written examination - 60% of written examination candidates pass on their first attempt; still 53% have not passed by their third attempt. However, an average of 90% of candidates pass the oral examinations by their second attempt. The pros and cons of oral and written examinations were also explored.


The Board then discussed the budget impact of continuing to administer an oral examination. The Board was required to make a 5% budget cut last year, which resulted in the cancellation of one oral examination cycle. The budget for proctors who administer the oral examinations was cut by 37%, and the cost to administer oral examinations continues to increase. A budget cut of 20% is anticipated for next year.

Four positions have been eliminated from the Board in the past year, two of which were from the Examination unit. Though the Board has a small pool of dedicated oral examiners, there is often a shortage of examiners available to work the actual examination dates despite rigorous recruitment efforts.


After taking into consideration all of these factors, as well as volumes of written correspondence and public comment, the Board decided to replace the Oral examination for both LCSW and MFT with the Written Clinical Vignette examination. As the examination program evolves the Board will diligently monitor the examination process closely. We understand there is much concern regarding the future strength of the professions, and the Board remains committed to ensuring the new examination meets all expectations.


BBS Reminders....

Please keep in mind that:


 The Board of Behavioral Sciences is a state regulatory agency and not a professional association. BBS license and renewal fees are required in order to maintain licensure with the State of California. They are not dues, and membership to an organization or association is not required for licensure.

You cannot renew your license or registration with the professional associations or organizations, nor can you renew your association membership with the Board of Behavioral Sciences.


 The renewal of a license or registration is a "process" done in conjunction with and in cooperation with other state agencies. Please plan your payment accordingly. Your patience is appreciated.

 When calling the Board, please have the following items available:

- License or registration number
- File or social security number
- Pen and paper

 When sending correspondence to the Board, please include the following:

- Your full name, address and telephone number
- Your license or registration number
- Your file or social security number

 Effective legislation: As of January 1, 2004, a LCSW license that has been expired more than 5 years will be cancelled.

As with LEP and MFT cancelled licenses, to be licensed again, you must reapply with the Board, qualify under the current requirements, and take and pass the licensing exam(s).

Continuing Education Update

MFTs and LCSWs are required to complete various continuing education requirements which encompass one-time course requirements and ongoing course requirements. The following information is being provided to assist licensees in planning completion of their CE courses.

One-Time Course Requirements

1. Spousal or Partner Abuse

For renewals after January 1, 2004, licensees must complete a one-time course in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. There is no hour length specified for renewals in 2004.

For renewals after January 1, 2005, licensees must complete a one-time **seven-hour** spousal or partner abuse course.

Equivalent course work or equivalent teaching or practice experience may be substituted for this requirement. However teaching or practice experience will not count as CE.

2. Aging and Long Term Care

For renewals after January 1, 2005, those persons who began graduate study prior to January 1, 2004, must complete a one-time **three-hour** continuing education course in aging and long-term care. The course could include, but is not limited to, the biological, social, and psychological aspects of aging. Equivalent course work or equivalent teaching or practice experience may be substituted for this requirement. However teaching or practice experience will not count as CE.

3. HIV/AIDS

This is a one-time **seven-hour** requirement due with your first renewal. This course must cover the characteristics and method of assessment and treatment of people living with HIV and AIDS.

4. Substance Abuse

This is a one-time **seven-hour** requirement for those licensees who started graduate studies prior to **January 1, 1986**. This requirement went into effect January 1, 1999, and most licensees fulfilled this requirement with their 1999 and 2000 renewals.

Ongoing Course Requirement

Law and Ethics

Any person renewing their license on or after January 1, 2004 is required to have completed no less than six hours of continuing education in the subject of Law and Ethics *for this and each subsequent renewal*.

If you renew your license in 2004 and this is your first renewal you must complete:

18 hours of CE that includes a one-time seven-hour HIV/AIDS course, a one-time spousal or partner abuse course (please see the description of the spousal or partner abuse requirement) and six hours of law and ethics.

If you renew your license in 2004 and this is NOT your first renewal you must complete:

36 hours of CE that includes a one-time spousal or partner abuse course (please see the description of the spousal or partner abuse requirement) and six hours of law and ethics.

If you renew your license in 2005 and this is your first renewal you must complete:

18 hours of CE that includes a one-time seven-hour HIV/AIDS course, a one-time seven-hour spousal or partner abuse course, a one-time three-hour aging and long term care course and six hours of law and ethics.

If you renew your license in 2005 and this is NOT your first renewal you must complete:

36 hours of CE that includes a one-time seven-hour spousal or partner abuse course, a one-time three-hour aging and long term care course and six hours of law and ethics.

\$10 Renewal Increase for MFTs & LCSWs

On September 20, 2003, Assembly Bill 938 was signed into law. AB 938 was developed in an effort to address the current shortage of mental health service providers and establishes the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program.

To partially fund this effort AB 938 amended Sections 4984.75 and 4996.65 of the Business and Professions Code to require an additional ten-dollar (\$10) fee at the time of license renewal for MFTs and LCSWs. This additional fee does not go into the Board's fund, but is instead transferred to the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund. The program provides grants to licensed mental health service providers who provide direct patient care in a publicly funded facility or a mental health professional shortage area.

Therefore, for MFTs and LCSWs who renew their licenses on or after January 1, 2004, the renewal notice will include the \$10 additional fee mandated by AB 938.

Written Clinical Vignette Examination Information for Candidates

At its November 2003 meeting, the Board voted to replace the current oral examination with a Written Clinical Vignette examination. This affects candidates for both Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists. For more information regarding the Board's decision, see the front page article of this newsletter titled "Oral Exam Update."

The following questions and answers are designed to provide guidance to candidates in the licensing process.

What are clinical vignettes?

Clinical vignettes consist of a vignette and a series of multiple-choice questions related to the vignette. Each multiple-choice question requires the candidate to select the correct answer from among the four options provided. The possible answers are longer and more complex than a standard multiple-choice question, and list a sequence of actions or describe a process of applying knowledge.

Due to limitations of the computer screen size, candidates will view the vignette separately from the possible answers by pressing an "Exhibit" button. Candidates will receive a tutorial and the opportunity to ask for assistance before the examination begins and during the examination if needed.

For an example of the questions candidates may encounter in the Written Clinical Vignette examination, go to the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov/MFC-EXAM.htm or www.bbs.ca.gov/LCS-EXM.htm.

Am I required to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

To become licensed, candidates are required to pass both the (current) Standard Written examination and the Written Clinical Vignette examination. This includes candidates who have already passed the Standard Written examination that contained clinical vignettes.

Why didn't the Board give candidates the option of taking the Winter 2004 Oral examinations?

Due to prior and forthcoming budget cuts, as well as staffing cuts, the Board would have been unable to administer more than one examination per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). An oral examination was already administered in September/October.

Who can apply to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

Candidates who have passed the Standard Written examination will be able to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination.

How do I apply for the Written Clinical Vignette examination and what is the fee?

The Board will begin accepting Request for Examination forms for the Written Clinical Vignette examination in January or early February 2004, once regulations have been passed. Please do not send forms or \$100 fees for the clinical vignette examination at this time. After that time, candidates may immediately apply to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination after passing the Standard Written examination. Allow three weeks for processing of your Request for Examination and fee. "Request for Examination" forms will be available on the website and will be mailed directly to eligible candidates, and eventually available at Expor testing centers. The fee for the Written Clinical Vignette examination will be \$100.

The Board will return any unprocessed Request for Examination/Re-Examination forms and fees submitted for an upcoming oral examination cycle. Any processed Request for Examination/Re-Examination (Oral) and fee will automatically be transferred and held as a Request for Examination (Written Clinical Vignette). The remaining \$100 will remain on file for future use toward the initial license fee or as a re-examination fee. It may also be refunded upon written request. Please allow 8-10 weeks for processing of a refund request.



When will the Written Clinical Vignette examination be given and by whom?

The Board anticipates the first Written Clinical Vignette examination to be administered in spring of 2004. The examination will be administered by Expor Assessments on a continuous basis. There is no "final filing date." We anticipate that Expor will notify candidates of their eligibility beginning in March 2004.

What is my deadline to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

All candidates will be provided with an initial one-year eligibility period in which to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination. The initial one-year period will begin when the clinical vignette examination is implemented. In the future, the one-year eligibility period will begin on the date the candidate is notified of eligibility. Your notice of eligibility will indicate the specific date your eligibility expires.

Written Clinical Vignette Examination Information... (Continued)

How do I keep my file from becoming abandoned?

An application becomes abandoned when an applicant fails to sit for examination within one year after being notified of eligibility (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1806 (c). However, the Board will extend the eligibility period of candidates whose files would have been abandoned if they did not take an oral examination in January or February 2004.

How should I study for the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

Candidates should continue to study in a similar manner as for the oral examination, as the clinical vignette questions are based on the Oral examination's format and content.

Is there a handbook for candidates?

The Board is currently developing a handbook that will be posted to the website as soon as it becomes available. The handbook will also be mailed to candidates who are eligible for the Written Clinical Vignette examination.

What if I will need special testing accommodations for the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

You will be required to submit a Request for Accommodation package a minimum of 90 days prior to your desired test date.

The following applies to candidates who have **previously been granted accommodations**:

IF your accommodations for the (current) Standard Written examination are **still on file** with the Board, you will be granted the **same** accommodations for the Written Clinical Vignette examination that you received for the Standard Written examination. Your accommodations are still on file **IF** you received accommodations for **BOTH** the Standard Written examination **AND** the Oral examination **AFTER January 1, 2001**.

You are required to submit a **NEW Request for Accommodation 90 days prior** to your desired test date if:

- You have had accommodations for the **Standard Written** examination, but **before** January 1, 2001.
- You have had accommodations for the **Standard Written** examination **after** January 1, 2001, and your request requires modification.
- Your request is no longer on file with the Board because although you **had** accommodations for the **Standard Written** examination, you **never** had accommodations for the **Oral** examination.
- You have **only** had accommodations for the **Oral** examination in the past.

Request for Accommodation forms are available at www.bbs.ca.gov or by contacting Sandra Wright at (916) 445-4933 extension 1242.

What happens when I pass the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

You will then be eligible to apply for your license! You will receive a Request for Initial License Issuance form, which must be submitted with the required fee prior to issuance of a license. This fee will not exceed \$130 and will be established and prorated according to the issuance and expiration date of your license.

What happens if I don't pass the Written Clinical Vignette examination?

You will receive a Request for Re-Examination form with your notice of failure and may apply immediately to retake the Written Clinical Vignette examination. However, you will not become eligible for re-examination for 160-180 days from your last examination date. You must retake the examination within one year from the notification date of failure.

Urgent Message for LCSWs

The Board is continuing its Occupational Analysis of the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) profession. The purpose of the occupational analysis is to identify the job tasks currently performed by LCSWs, and the knowledge required to perform those tasks. The results of the occupational analysis will be used to update the examination plan that serves as the basis for the LCSW licensing examinations.

Participation is voluntary, however, it is critical to your profession that a sufficient number of completed surveys are returned. The Board is asking LCSWs who have not yet completed a survey to do so.

If you received a survey in the mail and still have it in your possession, we ask that you complete and return it as soon as possible. If you did not receive a survey in the mail, or no longer have a copy, you may contact Sandra Wright at (916) 445-4933 ext. 1242 to be mailed a copy and a postage-paid return envelope. Please return your completed survey no later than February 29, 2004.

The survey will take time to complete. Keep in mind that the length of the survey reflects the breadth, depth, and complexity of your profession. Coverage of the diverse practice areas and settings in which entry-level LCSWs work is critical to developing a complete and representative examination plan.

Examination Calendar

Written Examination

All written examinations for Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Educational Psychologist, and Marriage and Family Therapist are administered on a continuous basis, six days per week at most test sites.

First-Time Candidates:

Allow a maximum of 90 days for processing your application. LCSW and MFT candidates may immediately apply to take the Written Clinical Vignette examination after passing the Standard Written examination. Allow three weeks for processing your Request for Examination (Written Clinical Vignette) to receive your notice of eligibility.

Re-Examinees:

Candidates will be notified of re-eligibility to take an examination 160 to 180 days following the candidate's most recent examination date, provided they have submitted the re-examination application and fee.

Note: Registered Interns, Associates and applicants who have completed the required amount of supervised experience or who are in the examination process must continue to receive one hour of individual or two hours of group supervision per week until licensed (B&P Code sections 4980.43(b), 4996.20(b), 4996.21(b)(3) and 4996.23(h).

Computer-Based Testing Demo

The Board's written examinations are administered by Expor Assessment at a number of locations throughout California on an easy to use computerized system. As applicants are approved to take each written examination, they will receive information regarding the examination content, outline, format, and how to schedule an examination date and time.



Expor's website provides an interactive demonstration of their computer-based testing system. The demonstration is intended to give candidates an idea of the look and feel of the examination screens. It does not contain "exhibit" (clinical vignette) items and is not intended as a study tool. The demonstration is located at www.exporonline.com/expdemo.html. Additionally, all candidates have the opportunity to learn from an interactive tutorial at the testing center on the day of their examination.

Expert Witness Recruitment

The Board is recruiting Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Licensed Educational Psychologists statewide to serve as expert witnesses for the Board's enforcement program. An expert witness is any individual possessing appropriate technical or professional knowledge gained through advanced education or extensive work experience that enables the individual to form a definite opinion in the area of the standard of care for the profession.

An expert witness must meet the following qualifications:

- ◆ A current MFT, LCSW or LEP license, in good standing; no prior or pending disciplinary action; no pending investigations;
- ◆ A minimum of five years post-licensure practice;
- ◆ Consistent, ongoing, face-to-face client contact, a minimum of 10 hours per week;
- ◆ Current working knowledge of pertinent laws and regulations governing the practice which the expert witness is licensed to perform;
- ◆ Strong writing skills, and the ability to express ideas logically and critically; and,
- ◆ Willingness to serve as an expert witness for three consecutive years.

Licensees interested in serving the Board as an expert witness are encouraged to submit a current resume and cover letter to the Board's Enforcement Program at 400 R Street, Suite 3150, Sacramento, CA 95814. For additional information about serving as an expert witness, please contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 445-4933, extension 1241.

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability and Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or in the admission and access to its programs or activities. The Executive Officer of the Board has been designated to coordinate and carry out this agency's compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Information concerning the provisions of the ADA, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the ADA Coordinator.

BBS Services Phone Directory

Board Office



(916) 445-4933

The phone numbers for each of the service areas listed below are the same as the main number, however the extensions are different.

<u>General</u>	<u>Extension No.</u>
Address or Name Changes	1113
Certifications & Deferments	1025
CE, CE Providers, MFT Referral Services	1008
License Status / Verification	1009
Renewals	1322
Request Applications, Forms, Laws & Regulations	1800

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Licensing Program

ASW Evaluator	1030
LCSW Evaluator	1005
LEP Evaluator	1025
MFT Intern Evaluator	1121
MFT Evaluator (A-K)	1122
MFT Evaluator (L-Z)	1124

Enforcement Program

Complaint Form & Information	1241
Disciplinary Hot Sheets	1015
Probation Monitor	1014

BBS Website <http://www.bbs.ca.gov>
BBS WebMaster email BBSWebMaster@bbs.ca.gov

BBS Fiscal Year Statistics

The BBS is one of 27 boards, committees, and commissions within the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The BBS summarized its activities for the 2002 - 2003 fiscal year and presented this information to the Department for inclusion in its annual report to the legislature. A summary of the statistics are provided below.

2002 - 2003 Fiscal Year Summary Statistics

Item	Number
<i>Licensing Activity</i>	
Applications Received	5,836
Licenses / Registrations Issued	4,893
Licenses / Registrations Renewed	32,015
Total Active Licenses / Registrations	57,953
Total Inactive Licenses / Registrations	16,410
CE Providers	2,124
CE Audits Conducted	715
Approved / Accredited Schools	87
<i>Examination Activity</i>	
Exams Scheduled	6,092
<i>Enforcement Program Activity</i>	
Complaints Received	898
Complaints Closed	895
Complaints Pending	136
Accusations Filed	17
Statement of Issues Filed	47
Citations Issued	24
<i>Administrative Outcomes</i>	
Revocation	4
Surrender of License	7
Probation with Suspension	8
Suspension Only	0
Probation Only	1
Public Reprimand	1

BBS Licensee / Registrant Statistics*

Licensed Clinical Social Workers	15,734
Licensed Educational Psychologists	1,693
Marriage and Family Therapists	26,741
Associate Clinical Social Workers	5,868
MFT Interns	8,841
Continuing Education Providers	2,137
MFT Referral Services	23

** This reflects the number of valid licensees and registrants with the Board as of January 1, 2004*

Administrative ACTIONS (4/1/03 - 12/31/03)

The status of the following administrative actions were updated as of 1/14/04. These decisions may be subject to judicial review. For current information, please contact the Board office directly.



BROWNE, JILL MARIE
MFC 30581, Capistrano Beach, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Violation of probation. Respondent first stipulated to revocation of her license, revocation was stayed with five years probation imposed, effective June 24, 2002. Terms and conditions included psychological evaluation; supervised practice; psychotherapy; successful completion of law and ethics coursework, and alcohol/drug abuse coursework; abstain from the use or possession of controlled substances; abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages; submit to biological fluid testing and samples; cost recovery of \$1,372.00. On March 19, 2003, the Board filed a Petition to Revoke Probation. Disposition: Surrender of License accepted, effective 12/1/03.

LEAGUE, MICHAEL RAY
MFC 28547, Coalinga, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence and incompetence; intentionally or recklessly causing emotional harm to any client; sexual misconduct; failure to keep records consistent with sound clinical judgment, the standards of the profession, and the nature of the services being rendered. Disposition: By Default, license revoked. Effective 11/10/03.

LEASH, RUSSELL MORONI
LCS 15236, Sacramento, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime. Disposition: License voluntarily surrendered, effective 6/12/03.

LEE, MYNETTE TINA
LCS 15972, Los Angeles, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime; administering to herself any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to herself or others; violating provisions of the chapter. Respondent first stipulated to revocation of her license, revocation was stayed with five years probation, effective April 21, 2003. Terms and conditions included psychological evaluation; supervised practice; psychotherapy; successful completion of law and ethics coursework, and alcohol/drug abuse coursework; rehabilitation program; abstain from the use or possession of controlled substances; abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages; submit to biological fluid testing; cost recovery of \$3,000.00. Pursuant to Probationary Term #13, if Respondent was unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent could voluntarily surrender her license to the Board. Disposition: Surrender of License accepted, effective 10/15/03.

MARKS, CLIFFORD S.
MFC 3304, San Diego, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Violation of probation; discipline by another governmental agency. Disposition: By Decision, Board's Petition to Revoke Probation adopted, license revoked effective September 20, 2002, cost recovery of \$2,072.00. Stay of decision granted until October 20, 2002, for the purpose of considering respondent's Petition for Reconsideration. Respondent's Petition for Reconsideration denied on October 10, 2002. Respondent filed Petition for Writ of Mandamus on October 21, 2002. Petition for Writ of Mandamus denied, August 14, 2003. License revoked, effective 10/20/02.

MARTINDALE, DOUGLAS PAUL
LCS 12377, Morgan Hill, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to any client; engaging in a sexual relationship with a client within two years following termination of therapy. Disposition: License revoked, revocation stayed, one-year suspension and five years' probation. Terms and conditions include psychological evaluation; psychotherapy; successfully complete law and ethics, boundaries and sexual misconduct coursework; cost recovery of \$3,000.00. Effective 5/29/03.

REID, PEGGY B
LCS 18337, Indio, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime; administering to herself any controlled substance to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to herself or others. Disposition: License revoked, effective 7/5/03.

RICH, CHERYL RENEE
IMF 42261, Los Angeles, CA

Respondent originally stipulated to revocation of her registration, revocation was stayed, and five years' probation was imposed, effective November 11, 2002. The terms and conditions of probation included psychological evaluation; supervised practice; psychotherapy; successful completion of law and ethics coursework. According to probationary term item 13, if the respondent was unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, she could voluntarily surrender her registration to the Board. Disposition: By Order, surrender of registration accepted. Respondent shall not file any application with the Board for a period of at least three years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order. Effective 4/28/03.

ROGEN, RANDALYN GASSMAN
IMF 32942, Santa Clara, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime; administering to herself any controlled substance to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to herself or others. Disposition: Registration revoked, effective 7/30/03.

SOMMERS, JOSEPH MARTIN
ASW 8734, Temecula, CA

Grounds for Discipline: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime; engaging in sexual relations with a client. Disposition: Registration voluntarily surrendered. Respondent shall not file any application with the Board for a period of at least three years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order, effective 9/13/03.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION:

SCHELIN, DAVID MERRILL
MFT Intern Applicant, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

Grounds for Denial: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime; commission of dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent act. Disposition: Application granted and registration issued subject to terms and conditions of probation. Respondent stipulated to revocation of his registration, revocation was stayed, five years probation imposed. Terms and conditions include successful completion of law and ethics coursework; psychological evaluation; supervised practice; psychotherapy; reimbursement of probation program costs; 100 hours per year of community service for the first three years of probation in lieu of restitution. If respondent successfully applies for and is granted a license by the Board at a future date, that license shall be immediately revoked, revocation stayed and respondent's new license placed on probation for any remaining period of the five-year period of probation on the same terms and conditions that continue and/or have not yet been completed. Effective 12/21/03.

DENIAL OF REGISTRATION:

MITCHELL, HURSEL FLOYD
ASW Applicant, Madera, CA

Grounds for Denial: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a substantially related crime; knowingly made a false statement of fact on application for registration. Disposition: Application for registration denied, effective 9/13/03.

PETITIONS:

GILLASPIE, ROBERT CHARLES
MFC 17333, Wheatland, CA

Disposition: Licensee's petition for modification in penalty granted. Remaining cost recovery of \$5,122.50, reduced to \$1,700.00. Probation to terminate following payment of costs as directed, effective 8/21/03.

LEWIS, ANDREW HOWARD
MFC 14083, San Jose, CA

Disposition: Licensee's petition to terminate probation and fully reinstate his license denied, effective 8/21/03.

Administrative Terminology

Charges: The violations that the respondent has allegedly committed which are in the accusation.

Respondent: The licensee or registrant who is the subject of the disciplinary action.

Revocation: License or registration is canceled and the right to practice ended.

Suspension: Respondent prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

Stayed: Revocation or suspension postponed and respondent put on probation.

Probation: Respondent may continue to practice under specific terms and conditions.

Voluntary Surrender: Respondent turns in the license or registration while charges are still pending - right to practice is ended.

Effective Decision Date: Date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

Public Reprimand: Respondent issued a letter of reprimand resulting from a disciplinary action or pursuant to B&P Code section 495.

Writ of Mandate: Respondent appealed decision to the superior court.

Stay: The Board or superior court ordered the Board's decision to not be enforced pending further action.

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